

of 10,000 pounds or less manufactured for sale in the United States for each of the three previous production years, or, at the manufacturer's option, for the current production year. A new manufacturer that has not previously manufactured passenger cars and trucks, buses and multipurpose passenger vehicles with a GVWR of 10,000 pounds or less for sale in the United States must report the number of such vehicles manufactured during the current production year. However, manufacturers are not required to report any information with respect to those vehicles that are walk-in van type vehicles, vehicles manufactured in two or more stages, and/or vehicles that are altered after previously having been certified in accordance with part 567 of this chapter.

(2) *Production.* Each manufacturer shall report for the production year for which the report is filed the number of passenger cars and multipurpose passenger vehicles, trucks and buses with a GVWR of 10,000 pounds or less that meet the upper interior component head impact protection requirements (S4) of Standard No. 201.

(3) *Vehicles produced by more than one manufacturer.* Each manufacturer whose reporting of information is affected by one or more of the express written contracts permitted by S4.1.7.2 of Standard No. 201 shall:

(i) Report the existence of each contract, including the names of all parties to the contract, and explain how the contract affects the report being submitted.

(ii) Report the actual number of vehicles covered by each contract.

#### **§ 589.7 Records.**

Each manufacturer shall maintain records of the Vehicle Identification Number for each passenger car, multipurpose passenger vehicle, truck and bus for which information is reported under § 589.5(b)(2) until December 31, 2003.

#### **§ 589.8 Petition to extend period to file report.**

A petition for extension of the time to submit a report must be received not later than 15 days before expiration of the time stated in § 589.5(a). The pe-

tition must be submitted to: Administrator, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, 400 Seventh Street, S.W., Washington, DC 20590. The filing of a petition does not automatically extend the time for filing a report. A petition will be granted only if the petitioner shows good cause for the extension and if the extension is consistent with the public interest.

### **PART 590—BACK DOOR LATCH, HINGE, AND LOCK PHASE-IN REPORTING REQUIREMENTS**

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#### **§ 590.1 Scope.**

This part establishes requirements for manufacturers of passenger cars and multipurpose passenger vehicles with a gross vehicle weight rating of 4,536 kilograms (10,000 pounds) or less to respond to NHTSA inquiries, to submit reports, and maintain records related to such reports, concerning the number of such vehicles that meet the back door latch, hinge, and lock requirements of Standard No. 206, *Door locks and door retention components* (49 CFR 571.206).

#### **§ 590.2 Purpose.**

The purpose of these reporting requirements is to aid the NHTSA in determining whether a manufacturer of passenger cars and multipurpose passenger vehicles with a gross vehicle weight rating of 4,536 kilograms (10,000 pounds) or less has complied with the back door latch, hinge, and lock requirements of Standard No. 206.

**§ 590.3 Applicability.**

This part applies to manufacturers of passenger cars and multipurpose passenger vehicles with a gross vehicle weight rating of 4,536 kilograms (10,000 pounds) or less. However, this part does not apply to those motor vehicles excluded from the requirements of Standard No. 206.

**§ 590.4 Definitions.**

(a) All terms defined in 49 U.S.C. 30102 are used in their statutory meanings.

(b) Gross vehicle weight rating, multipurpose passenger vehicle, and passenger car are used as defined in § 571.3 of this chapter.

(c) *Production year* means the 12-month period between September 1 of one year and August 31 of the following year, inclusive.

**§ 590.5 Response to inquiries.**

During the production year ending August 31, 1998, each manufacturer shall, upon request from the Office of Vehicle Safety Compliance, this agency, provide information regarding which vehicle makes/models are certified as complying with the provisions of S4 and S5, Standard No. 206.

**§ 590.6 Reporting requirements.**

(a) *General reporting requirements.* Within 60 days after the end of the production year ending August 31, 1998, each manufacturer shall submit a report to NHTSA concerning the manufacturer's compliance with the latch, hinge, and lock requirements of this standard for the back doors of its passenger cars and multipurpose passenger vehicles with a gross vehicle weight rating of 4,536 kilograms (10,000 pounds or less) produced in that year. Each report shall:

- (1) Identify the manufacturer;
- (2) State the full name, title, and address of the official responsible for preparation of the report;
- (3) Identify the production year being reported on;
- (4) Contain a statement regarding whether or not the manufacturer complied with the back door latch, hinge, and lock requirements of this standard in the percentages specified in S4 for

the period covered by the report and the basis for that statement;

(5) Provide the information specified in § 590.7;

(6) Be written in the English language; and

(7) Be submitted to: Administrator, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, ATTN: NSA-01, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590.

(b) *Report content*—(1) *Basis for phase-in production goals.* Each manufacturer shall provide the number of passenger cars and multipurpose passenger vehicles with a GVWR of 4,536 kilograms (10,000 pounds) or less manufactured for sale in the United States for each of the two previous production years or, at the manufacturer's option, for the current production year. A new manufacturer that has not previously manufactured passenger cars and multipurpose passenger vehicles with a GVWR of 4,536 kilograms (10,000 pounds) or less for sale in the United States must report the number of such vehicles manufactured during the current production year.

(2) *Production.* Each manufacturer shall report for the production year for which the report is filed the number of passenger cars and multipurpose passenger vehicles with a gross vehicle weight rating of 4,536 kilograms (10,000 pounds) or less that meet the back door latch, hinge, and lock requirements of this standard.

**§ 590.7 Records.**

Each manufacturer shall maintain records of the vehicle identification number of each passenger car and multipurpose passenger vehicle for which information is reported in accordance with § 590.6 until December 31, 1999.

**§ 590.8 Petition to extend period to file reports.**

A petition for extension of time to file a report required by S6.1 must be received not later than 15 days before expiration of the time specified in § 590.5(a). The petition must be submitted to: Administrator, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, ATTN: NSA-01, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590. The filing of a petition does not automatically